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In re Application Koichiro Hori et al
Serial No. 09/478,231
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Title: Endoscope With Position Display For Zoom Lens
Unit And Imaging Device
Group Art Unit: Unknown
Examiner: Unknown
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U.S. Patent No. 3,817,635, issued 6/18/74 to J. Kawahara;
U.S. Patent No. 4,277,168, issued 7/7/81 to T. Oku;
U.S. Patent No. 4,488,039, issued 12/11/84 to M. Sato et al;
U.S. Patent No. 4,491,865, issued 1/1/85 to D. Danna et al;
U.S. Patent No. 4,570,185, issued 2/11/86 to N. Arai et al;
U.S. Patent No. 4,781,448, issued 11/1/88 to D. Chatenever et al;
U.S. Patent No. 4,832,003, issued 5/23/89 to H. Yabe;
U.S. Patent No. 4,846,155, issued 7/11/89 to K. Kimura;
U.S. Patent No. 4,867,137, issued 9/19/89 to Y. Takahashi;
U.S. Patent No. 5,122,650, issued 6/16/92 to H. McKinley;
U.S. Patent No. 5,503,320, issued 4/2/96 to J. Webster et al;
U.S. Patent No. 5,506,912, issued 4/9/96 to T. Nagasaki et al; and
U.S. Patent No. 5,582,576, issued 12/10/96 to K. Hori et al.

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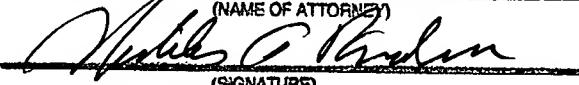
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